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SUBJECT: (S/NF) KUWAIT OKAYS U-2 OVERFLIGHT OF IRAQ IN
SUPPORT OF UNMOVIC

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(S/NF) The GOK approves reftel request for U-2 aircraft to overfly its national territory into Iraq in support of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC). GOK Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Sabah Salem Al-Sabah, told the Ambassador January 11 that his government, "completely supported" the U-2 overflights into Iraq. He said he would alert the Kuwaiti military to the flights.

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